

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Hangtags adapted to be supplied in a continuous roll of end-to-end connected hangtags comprising means for connecting adjacent hangtags, each of said hangtags having an end comprising a substantially straight edge extending substantially between corners on opposite sides of the hangtag, said connecting means comprising one or more connecting elements extending between the edges of adjacent hangtags and spacing substantially the entire length of said hangtag edges a short distance apart, except for the portion of said hangtag edges connected by said one or more connecting elements, said connected portion of said hangtag edges being less than the spaced portion of said hangtag edges, said one or more connecting elements being severable to separate said adjacent hangtags by the application of a pull force in a direction substantially perpendicular to the said edges ends of the hangtags.
2. (previously presented) The hangtags of Claim 1 wherein said connecting means comprises two or more spaced connecting elements and wherein said pull force is applied to sever said connecting elements substantially simultaneously.
3. (previously presented) The hangtags of Claim 1 having a body with an opening adapted to receive a fastener, said opening being defined by a portion

of said body and wherein the force required to tear said body portion is greater than said pull force necessary to sever said connecting elements.

4. (previously presented) The hangtags of Claim 3 wherein said pull force is applied through the fastener anchored within said body opening.

5-14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) The hangtags of Claim 3 wherein said opening is non-circular.

16. (previously presented) The hangtags of Claim 1 wherein said body is generally rectangular with rounded corners.

17. (currently amended) Hangtags adapted to be supplied in a continuous roll of end-to-end connected hangtags comprising means for connecting adjacent hangtags, each of said hangtags having an end comprising a substantially straight edge extending substantially between corners on opposite sides of the hangtag, said connecting means comprising one or more connecting elements extending between the edges of adjacent hangtags and spacing substantially the entire length of said hangtag edges a short distance apart, except for the portion of said hangtag edges adjacent said one or more connecting elements, said connected portion of said hangtag edges being less than the spaced portion of said hangtag edges, said one or more connecting elements being severable to separate said adjacent hangtags, said hangtags having a body with an opening adapted to receive a fastener, said opening being defined by a portion of said body and wherein the force required to tear said body portion is greater than the force necessary to sever said connecting elements.

18. (previously presented) The hangtags of Claim 17 wherein said connecting means comprises two or more spaced connecting elements and wherein said pull force is applied to sever said connecting elements substantially simultaneously.

19. (previously presented) The hangtag of Claim 17 wherein said pull force is applied in a direction substantially perpendicular to the end of said hangtag.

20-27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) The hangtags of claim 1 wherein said connecting means comprises two connecting elements.

29. (previously presented) The hangtags of claim 1 wherein said connecting means comprises three connecting elements.

30. (previously presented) The hangtags of claim 17 wherein said connecting means comprises two connecting elements.

31. (previously presented) The hangtags of claim 17 wherein said connecting means comprises three connecting elements.

32. (new) The hangtags of claim 1 wherein said connected portion of said hangtag edges is less than 25% of said spaced portion of said hangtag edges.

33. (new) The hangtags of claim 1 wherein said connected portion of said hangtag edges is less than 10% of said spaced portion of said hangtag edges.

34. (new) The hangtags of claim 1 wherein said connected portion of said hangtag edges is less than 5% of said spaced portion of said hangtag edges.

35. (new) The hangtags of claim 17 wherein said connected portion of said hangtag edges is less than 25% of said spaced portion of said hangtag edges.

36. (new) The hangtags of claim 17 wherein said connected portion of said hangtag edges is less than 10% of said spaced portion of said hangtag edges.

37. (new) The hangtags of claim 17 wherein said connected portion of said hangtag edges is less than 5% of said spaced portion of said hangtag edges.